

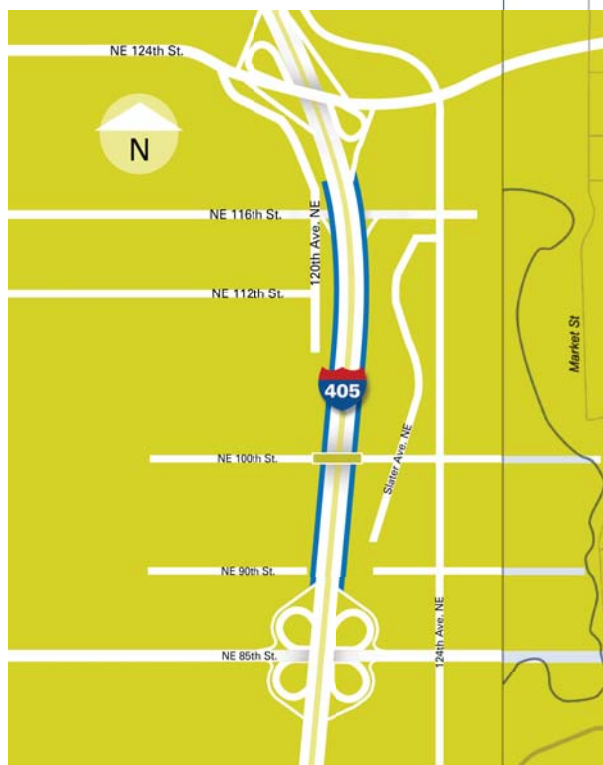
I-405 Kirkland Nickel Project – Stage 1 Construction

Freeway Widening

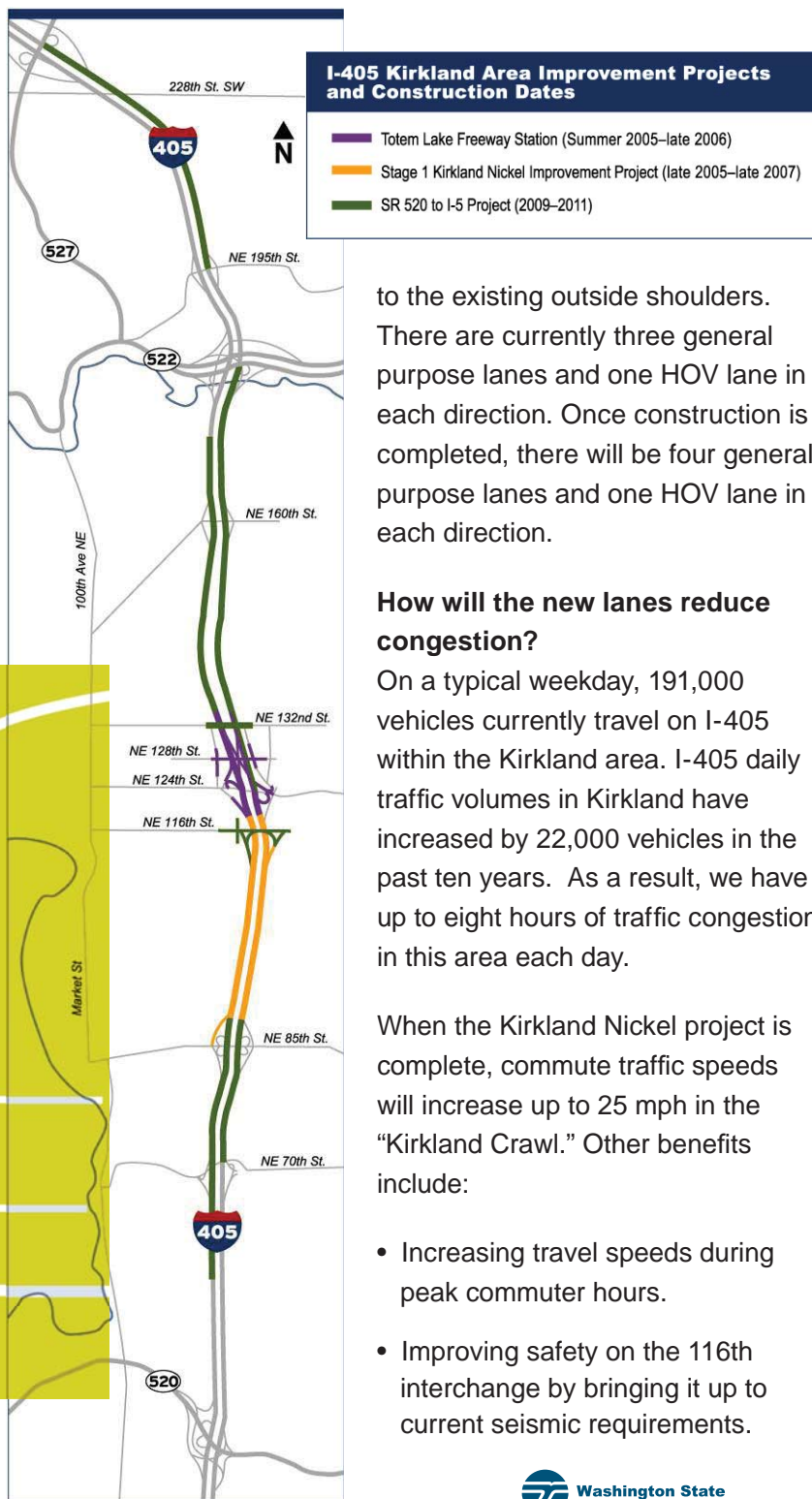
The Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 Project, in combination with the Totem Lake Freeway Station Project, and future I-405 widening projects, provide congestion relief, improved safety, and new capacity to better serve the region's transportation needs.

Where will I-405 be widened?

I-405 will be widened between NE 85th Street and NE 124th Street – approximately 4 miles. One general purpose lane will be added in each direction; the new lanes will be next



The blue lines on the map show where new lanes will be built. When completed in late 2007, there will be 4 general purpose lanes and one HOV lane in each direction.



to the existing outside shoulders. There are currently three general purpose lanes and one HOV lane in each direction. Once construction is completed, there will be four general purpose lanes and one HOV lane in each direction.

How will the new lanes reduce congestion?

On a typical weekday, 191,000 vehicles currently travel on I-405 within the Kirkland area. I-405 daily traffic volumes in Kirkland have increased by 22,000 vehicles in the past ten years. As a result, we have up to eight hours of traffic congestion in this area each day.

When the Kirkland Nickel project is complete, commute traffic speeds will increase up to 25 mph in the “Kirkland Crawl.” Other benefits include:

- Increasing travel speeds during peak commuter hours.
- Improving safety on the 116th interchange by bringing it up to current seismic requirements.

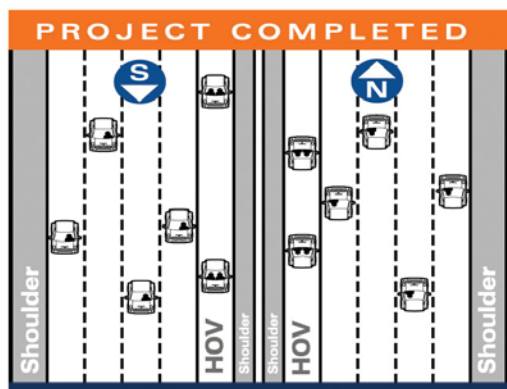
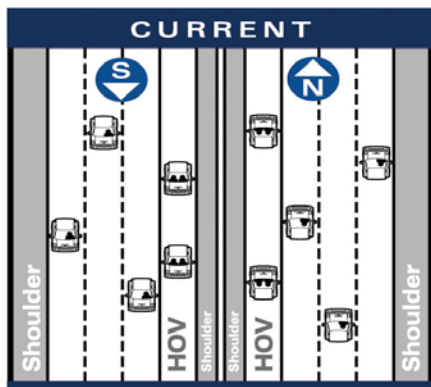


Corridor Program

Congestion Relief & Bus Rapid Transit Projects

I-405 Widening

- Improving merging conditions from the northbound and southbound off-ramps at NE 85th Street.



Four general purpose lanes and wider shoulders will be opened by the end of 2007. However, by the end of 2006, construction will be far enough along to open four slightly narrowed general purpose lanes.

Regular Construction Updates

For construction updates on I-405 projects, join WSDOT's email update list by sending an email to lyris@lists.wsdot.wa.gov with "subscribe i-405" in the body of the message. Also check www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/SR520toSR522/

How will the new lanes improve safety?

The bumper-to-bumper conditions that currently exist for several hours every day contribute to the number of rear-end collisions that occur. The new lanes will add capacity and reduce congestion so that the number of accidents will decrease.

What will the completed project look like?

In addition to adding a lane in each direction, both the inside and outside shoulders will be widened. Once completed, the entire roadway within the project area will be grinded (to remove pavement inconsistencies), repaved, and re-stripped.



A widened, repaved I-405, in combination with new landscaping and retaining wall treatments, will improve safety and aesthetics, and reduce congestion between NE 85th and NE 124th Streets.

Do you want more information about I-405 widening?

If you would like more information about I-405 widening, any other part of the Kirkland I-405 Stage 1 construction project, or would like to schedule a presentation for your group or organization, please contact:

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